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There was a large attendance at the circus on Friday night when a very good programme was carried out. The performing elephants, the equine midday marvel, the school horse and riding monkey were all exceptionally good. An excellent exhibition of comic juggling was given by the La Di La and Mr. W. H. Ware as the "Bouncing Jockey" acquitted himself admirably. The circus did some fine acrobatic dancing and the Messrs. Frantz performed wonderful feats. Mr. Frantz gave a fine exhibition in the triple horizontal bars and concluded his part by performing the wonderful long distance somersault. The circus "Jolly Lads" Tomlin and Elliott amused the audience considerably. Other items were the Six Horse Race, Saut de Balancing, the Hungarian Dance and the Ambolima Show, all of which were well received. A very good evening's entertainment concluded with the performing animals, in which Professor Urban seemed to be perfectly at home with half a dozen fine looking lions.

VALUE OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE ESTATE.

The Japan Mail finds in the Hochi Shimbun an interesting article containing an estimate of the property constituting the Imperial Japanese estate. The items are given as follows:—
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Specie Bank... 90,400
Industrial Bank... 10,000
Bank of Commerce... 3,522
Nippon Yusen Kaisha... 80,550
Tokyo Gas Company... 2,000 (new)
Tokyo Electric Light... 5,810
Fuji Paper Company... 10,000
Dai Nihon Marine...
Products... 500
Company... 5,000
The total value of the above at present market rates is 95 million yen.

A RECENT SHANGHAI MURDER.

Fuller details of the recent murder of a wealthy Chinaman at Shanghai appear in the local papers just to hand. From these it appears that the victim, whose name was Fong Yuen-ching, a clerk in the China Merchants S. N. Co., and a member of the Chinese Company S. V. C., attended the S. V. C. inspection some few hours before the tragedy. He then went out in company with a man named Zung Tse-tung on business. The man Zung, who owns a large shoe-making business in the Native City, is an important figure in the case, for if he were not actually in touch with the deceased when the crime was perpetrated he was one of the last men to be in his company. Zung's story is to the effect that he left Mr Fong earlier in the evening and was therefore unaware of the tragedy. However this may be, it is impossible to give an account of the deceased's movements until he was found in a dying condition close to Louza Police Station with three bullet wounds in his body. It is supposed that the crime was committed as a sequel to bad feeling between families or individuals. Several persons have been retained in custody on suspicion. The murdered man was about 40 years of age and is reported to have been possessed of considerable wealth; for, in addition to his appointment in the China Merchants S. N. Co., he owned a number of launches and river boats.

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GEO. P. LAMMERT AUCTIONEER.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

THE Undersigned has received instructions from A. SHIFFIELD, Esq., to Sell by Public Auction,

on

TUESDAY,

the 4th May, 1909, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his residence, "Priory Lodge," No. 1, Bonham Road,—

A QUANTITY OF

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

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including:—
Brass and Brass-Mounted Bedsteads with Box Spring Mattresses, Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses, Marble and Bronze Mantel Clock and Ornaments, Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, etc., etc.;
Also
One Cottage Piano by George Rogers and Son in good condition.
One Cottage Piano by Vanderbolt;
And
One Electro Plating Machine.
A quantity of Plants and Palms in Pots.
One Monkey Cage and 2 Monkeys.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
On View from Monday, the 3rd May, 1909.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction,

on

THURSDAY,

the 6th May, 1909, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his SALER ROOMS, DUNDRELL STREET,—

A QUANTITY OF

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD

FURNITURE,

comprising:—
Teak Sideboard with Bevelled Mirror, Dinner Wagons, Overmantels with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Hatstands, Extension Dining Table, etc., etc.;
Brass and Brass-Mounted Bedsteads, Wardrobes with Bevelled Mirrors, Teak Bureaux with Bevelled Mirrors, Marble Top Washstands, etc., etc., etc.;
Dinner and Breakfast Sets.
A Selection of Electro-plated Ware,
And
One Grand Piano, by "Collard and Collard";
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One Cottage Piano, by "Challen & Son".
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On view from Wednesday, the 5th May, 1909.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. J. H. FRANK, to sell by Public Auction,

on

FRIDAY,

the 7th May, 1909, commencing at 2.30 p.m., at his Residence, "HARLEY," No. 3, Brompton Path,—

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MEMOS FOR MONDAY.

Auction.

3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Office.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance by the Bandmann
Dramatic Co. at City Hall.

9 p.m.—Performance of Hippodrome
Circus at Causeway Bay.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Oceania undelivered after this
date at Noon will be subject to rent
and landing charges.

General Memoranda.

Thursday, May 4—

11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bills
received by Chief Paymaster, Army
Pay Department.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, etc., at late residence of Mr G. C.
C. Master, No. 4, Morrison Hill.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, etc., at Mr G. C. P. Lammer's
Room, No. 1, Bonham Road.

Goods per Oceania undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

Wednesday, May 5—

4.11 p.m.—Grand Fete in Botanic Gar-
dens.

Good per Oceania undelivered after 4 p.m.
on this date subject to rent.

Thursday, May 6—

11 a.m.—Auction of Farm Electric
Lamps and Accessories, at Messrs
Hughes & Hough's Sales Room.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
ture, etc., at Mr G. C. P. Lammer's
Room, No. 1, Bonham Road.

Goods per Oceania undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

Friday, May 7—

12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Union Insurance
Society of Canton, Ltd., at Head Office.

12.45 p.m.—Meeting of China Traders'
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Head Office.

Goods per Oceania undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

Saturday, May 8—

Goods per Oceania undelivered at Noon
on this date subject to rent.

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The China Mail

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, MAY 1, 1909.

THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

It will have been noted by the special
report printed by us last evening from
the pen of our London correspondent,
that the Committee of the China Associa-
tion in England is keeping in excellent
touch with affairs in the Middle Kingdom.

The report presented by Sir Charles
Downer was, as usual, a very com-
prehensive resume of the situation and
touched upon nearly every matter of
vital importance which has come up for
public discussion, during the past
twelve months. Referring to the deaths
of the Emperor and Empress Dowager

last November Sir Charles expressed
the opinion that the name of the Em-
press Dowager would go down to posterity
as one of the most remarkable and
renowned potentates in the history of the
world. Of this there can be little doubt
and when the wists which still cling
thickly around the Chinese Court shall
have cleared away a little and time has
allowed historians to bring her powerful
personality within proper focusing
range, the verdict of Sir Charles, a very
astute observer, will, we imagine, be
more than confirmed. We note that the
Chairman of the China Association
went on to observe:—The succession
they had witnessed was seemingly
peaceful, but the promise of progress
and reform was rudely shaken by the
dismal of YUAN SHUN-KAI and they
looked to the future to develop the real
policy of the present administration.

But does it not strike Sir Charles that
perhaps YUAN SHUN-KAI has been rather
overrated by the foreign community,
and that the Chinese rulers have taken
a juster measure of the man? Cer-
tainly the Chinese with whom we have
discussed the question of YUAN SHUN-
KAI's character and ability were not
prepared to rate him anywhere so
highly as YOUNG SHUN-KAI. But per-
haps in this case we must make
allowance for the fact that the latter is
a Cantonese and therefore very much
closer to the hearts of the Southern
Chinese than the fallen Grand Councilor

and ex-Viceroy of China, who happens
to be a native of Anhui.

Naturally the recent Commission on
the Opium question which sat at Shang-
hai, came in for more than passing
reference and Sir Charles expressed
regret at the withdrawal of the British
delegates' resolution expressing disap-
pointment at China's inability or failure
to produce trustworthy evidence. That
represented to his mind, he said, the
crux of the situation. "These of them
who know the Chinese methods of ob-
scurantism smiled at the House of Com-
mons statement that they must 'act up
to the standard set by the Chinese
Government.' At a matter of fact
China evinced little more than an
Oriental interest in the question, and
they should be made aware that they
must make up their mind that no one
would be duped into making material
sacrifices for the sake of sham reforms."

These words will find an echo in many
of the Treaty Ports of China and in
Hongkong, but so far as the great
British public at Home are concerned we
fear they will fall on deaf ears.

Other matters touched upon by the
China Association's report were the
perennial questions of the piracy of
trade marks in Japan and Korea, the
condition of Chinese currency which, as
ever, caused "serious foreboding" of
eventual financial disaster for the Chi-
nese empire; and the railway and mining
situation. Sir Charles, we read, com-
plained that in regard to the railways
China showed many evidences of lack
of good faith and in regard to mining,
enterprise in that direction was at pre-
sent practically impossible owing to
the Chinese obstruction. This, again, is an
old, old tale, but nevertheless it cannot
be omitted in any impartial review of
the present situation in China. Water
constantly dripping will wear away the
hardest stone. Perhaps these constant
reminders from the outside world that
reform is urgently needed will gradually
impress themselves upon the adam-
antine crust of conservatism which en-
shrouds the "average" Chinese official.

That the ancient empire is beginning to
stir with new life we feel quite sure, but
there are certain things which the
Chinese seem scarcely yet to realise the
importance of, and which must be taken
in hand seriously if the country is to be
saved from the disasters which are
imminently threatening. These are cur-
rency reform and more elastic mining
regulations. By putting her financial
system on a sure basis China would
quickly relieve herself of innumerable
difficulties; while by allowing her
vast mineral resources to be properly
exploited she would place herself in
possession of funds that would enable
her to free herself from all anxieties
regarding railway building. But at
present her leading men are too much
absorbed in Court intrigues and petty
squabbles as to precedence and place to
allow of such questions being dealt with
by the Administration in a proper and
befitting fashion. Meanwhile all that
the China Association can do is to go
pegging along steadily in the hope that
the future will find answers to the many
riddles so puzzling to outside observers
at the present day.

ITEMS AT THE COURTS.

For stealing a quantity of nickel and lead
from the Officers Mess at Scone Cutler's
Island, a provision coolie was remanded at
the Magistracy to-day.

A sentence of six weeks' imprisonment
and six hours' stocks was imposed on a
native, at the Magistracy to-day, for stealing
a frame and several photographs.

A native returned from banishment and
at the Magistracy to-day was sentenced to
six months' hard labour, besides one month
and six hours' stocks for stealing several
ornaments.

Mr Charles Norman Ross Mackenzie,
who has been a missionary of the Church
Missionary Society since 1902, having lately
been stationed at Liemchow, near Peking,
is to be ordained deacon at the morning
service at the Cathedral on Sunday June
6. The Rev. E. J. Barnett, M.A., will be
the preacher.

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The great pain relieving power of
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THE BABY PRINCESS.

A feeling of profound thankfulness must
permeate Holland and the possessions of the
Dutch Crown to-day. The long desired,
sagely expected, fervently prayed for Heir
to the Throne of the Netherlands has
appeared at the Hague, and according to
the usual formula, which we trust is abso-
lutely true in the present case, "mother
and child are doing well." After the dis-
appointments of previous years this happy
result calls for all the more sincere con-
gratulations. The Dutch worship their gentle,
little Queen; they have shared her hopes
to the full, and for months most elaborate
preparations have been under way in all
the lands which acknowledge the sway of
the House of Orange, to fittingly welcome
the little stranger. If the good wishes of
all the world, the prayers of a singularly
united nation, and the love of her own
family go for anything, then the little
Princess of Orange-Nassau has come into
the world richly favored.

In offering our congratulations, we but
leave to express the hope that long and
prosperous life lies before the youngest
Princess in Europe.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Prince Fushimi remains in Peking till
May 6.

The English Mail of the 3rd April
was delivered in London on the 30th April.

The Bishop of Victoria will preach at
St. Andrew's, Kowloon, at the Evening
Service to-morrow (Wed May) at 6 p.m.

The U. S. A. cruiser North Carolina
and Montana have been ordered to the
Philippines. They are at present at Con-
stantinople.

It seems rather early days, but Ameri-
can newspapers are already talking of
Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, as the
Democratic candidate for the Presidency
in 1912.

The Municipal Council of Tokyo are
giving a civic reception in honour of Vice-
Admiral Sir Hedworth Lambton and the
British squadron during its stay in Tokyo
Bay.

Under a regulation made by the
Governor-in-Council no dogs brought from
Bangkok will be permitted to land in this
Colony for a period of six months from
May 1st, 1909.

Father William Whitmee, Rector of the
English Catholic church of San Silvestre,
in Capite, who was to have accompanied
Queen Dowager Margherita to Japan, has
just died at Rome.

Ex-Senator Stewart, of Nevada, part-
owner of the celebrated Cotochulco, near
Virginia City, is dead, aged 82.
Governor George L. Lilley, of Connecticut,
has died at Hartford at an early age.

The mishaps to the Salsuma—which
caught fire and ran into Woonsoong for help
—and the Indanti—which ran on a rock
near Kobo—is causing some tightness in
the raw cotton market in Japan, both ships
carrying a quantity of the staple among
their cargo.

It is notified in the Government
Gazette that His Excellency the Governor
has been pleased to direct that the officers
for the time being holding the posts of
Police Magistrates for the New Territories
shall discharge in the said Territories the
duties performed by the coroner prior to
the passing of Ordinance No 5 of 1888.

A meeting of His Majesty's Justices
of the Peace for the Colony will be held at
the Magistracy, at 2.15 p.m., on Friday,
May 7th, for the purpose of considering an
application from Sopbia Mayer for the
transfer to her from B. Mayer of the
publican's licence to sell by retail intoxicat-
ing liquors on premises numbered 1, Jubilee
Street, under the sign of the Colonial
Hotel.

The evening express to Tokyo which
left Kobo, on April 19 ran into a derailed
freight train on the Rokugo river bridge, near
Kawasaki and precipitated its engine, coal
tender and mail van in the deep mud. The
passenger cars fortunately remained on the
line, so that the deaths were limited to the
stoker and the engine driver. Some four-
teen railway employees were injured, but
the passengers escaped with a shaking.

An order made by the Governor-in-
Council, published in the Government
Gazette, defining the Districts into which
the New Territories shall be divided lays
down that there shall be established two
District Land Offices. One District is to
be known as the Northern District and the
other as the Southern District. The office
for the Northern District is to be situated
at Tai Po, in the New Territories, and the
office for the Southern District in the City
of Victoria.

A BARGAIN.

When you can save from 25 to 50 per
cent on any article, you have a
bargain. When you buy a bottle of Cham-
berlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea
Remedy at the regular price, you will
probably save several times the cost in
doctor's bills before the summer is over,
besides the feeling of security you
will have in knowing that your family is
prepared for sudden attacks of dysentery
or diarrhoea. For sale by all chemists and
druggists.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The next Gynkhams has been fixed
for May 20th, weather permitting. The
sport is likely to be as keen as ever. Pro-
grammes will be published in due course.

During the absence of the Empress
Dowager, Lung Yü, to attend the late
Emperor's funeral the Consort of the
Prince Regent will stay in the Palaces to
attend to and take care of the youthful
Emperor.

Shares of the Japan Sugar Company,
which before the scandal broke upon the
public stood at yen 130, have fallen to yen
13. Eighty-four more members of Parlia-
ment have been apprehended in connection
with the affair.

H. M. S. Fame was proceeding up the
Hirado straits when she struck a sunken
rock from which she was not released till
7 a.m. on the 21st April. The lacerity and
Otown took the damaged destroyer into
Nagasaki where she will be repaired. The
repairs are expected to take a fortnight.

Speaking at a National demonstration
at Liverpool Mr J. Rodmond, M.P., said
he believed discussion in Ireland was now
at an end. Ireland's immediate need was
the passage, with amendments, of Mr
Birrell's Land Bill. Unless the Liberal
party put Home Rule in the front at the
next election, every Irishman in Great
Britain would be advised to vote against
them.

The North China Daily News says that
it is reported in native papers that a
Chinese timber hong in Ningpo recently
closed its doors with liabilities of Tls.
120,000. Besides being indebted to native
banks in Foochow for considerable sums of
money, the hong owes six local native
banks the sum of Tls. 60,000. It is stated
that business failures in the spring of this
year have been considerably more than in
other years.

The Philippines Commission has at
last taken up the slavery and involuntary
servitude question in the islands with the
intention of putting a stop to it. Com-
missioner Worcester has presented to that
body a bill providing that all slavery, in-
voluntary servitude, (which is very common
all over the islands,) peonage, or sale of
human beings, shall be illegal; and providing
the punishment to be meted out to those
who do not obey the law on this subject.

THE IMPERIAL CHINESE
FUNERAL.

To-day the first stage of the funeral of
the late Emperor of China and the late
Empress Dowager will begin, and the
ceremonies are expected to extend over four
days. Great Britain will be represented
by her Minister at Peking, Sir John
Jordan; Japan has sent H. L. Prince
Fushimi, while Russia sends a special
mission headed by General Palatine,
a member of the Council of the Empire.
Over one million men will be spent in
entertaining the foreigners attending the
funeral.

**MAGISTRATES' COM-
MENDATION.**

Inspector Collett charged a native at the
Magistracy to-day with stealing a brass
casing from the Talkoo Dock Yard. An-
other native who was also employed at
the Docks arrested prisoner, who called
upon his comrades to come to his assistance.
They did so and assaulted the native who
arrested the thief, inflicting an ugly wound
on his shoulder besides inflicting other
injuries on his person. However, he gave
information to the police and prisoner
was re-arrested this morning before he
went to work. Mr F. A. Hazell
sentenced prisoner to one month's im-
prisonment without the option of a fine and
one month for the assault, besides being
banished after the expiration of his term
of imprisonment. A sum of \$5 compensa-
tion was ordered to be awarded to the
person who arrested him and the head
European watchman, who was present in
Court, was instructed by His Worship to
ask the superintendent in charge to
promote him if possible. His Worship
also commended him for his courageous
action.

A CURE FOR BOWEL TROUBLE.

NO matter how severe an attack of
diarrhoea may be, Chamberlain's
Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy
never fails to give relief. For sale by all
chemists and druggists.

THE BUDGET.

MORE "HEN-ROOSTS"
ATTACKED.

Land: Liquor: Clubs: Tobacco:

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LONDON, April 30.

The other Budget proposals include
a tax on Clubs, as well as various
increases and graduations in the
liquor taxes and licenses, producing
£2,600,000.

The State is henceforth to take one-
fifth of the unearned increment value
of urban land, which will produce
£150,000, while there is also to be a
tax of 1d in the £ on the value of
undeveloped urban land, which will
yield £350,000.

It is proposed to raise the duty on
spirits by 3d 9d a gallon, producing a
further £800,000; and the duty on
unmanufactured tobacco is to be in-
creased by 8d a pound and manu-
factured tobacco correspondingly; the
revenue to be derived under these
heads to amount to £1,900,000.

Changes in the stamp duties are
estimated to produce £650,000.

After various minor adjustments it
is estimated that the surplus available
for contingencies will total £448,000.

The Budget has created a most pro-
found sensation throughout the coun-
try. The Conservatives describe it as
plundering the middle classes and beg-
garing the reserve forces of the
country, while the Liberals declare
that its provisions mark an immense
advance towards democratic finance.

In the course of the debate in the
House of Commons Mr John Rodmond,
said the Nationalists would vigorously
oppose this extraordinary Budget, while
Sir Frederick Banbury characterised it
as the maddest Budget ever introduced.

A STRONGER MARKET.

LONDON, May 1.

The markets are strong following the
announcement of the Budget, Consols
taking the lead.

There is to be an increase in stamp
duties.

The reduction in the sinking fund is
less than was expected.

Shipping.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS.

MARSEILLES & LONDON.

TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO.

COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, BRINDISI, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Steamers to Colombo	Leave Hongkong	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to Marseilles & London	Due at Marseilles (Brindisi 3 days earlier)	Due at Plymouth (London 1 day later)
TUESDAY Noon Saturday 1908		TUESDAY Saturday, 1909		Saturday, 1909
DELTA.....8000	May 15	INDIA.....8000	June 12	June 18
OCEANA.....7000	May 22	VICTORIA.....8000	June 26	July 2
DELHI.....6000	June 12	MOULTAN.....8000	July 10	July 15
DEVANHA.....8000	June 26	CEYLON.....8000	July 10	July 15
ASVATA.....7800	July 24	MACDONALD.....9050	July 24	July 30
DELTA.....7800	July 24	MOLDAVIA.....1050	Aug. 7	Aug. 13
DELTA.....8000	Aug. 1	MANTUA.....11000	Aug. 21	Aug. 27
DELTA.....8000	Aug. 8	MONGOLIA.....9814	Sept. 4	Sept. 10
DELTA.....7698	Aug. 21	MARMORA.....10650	Sept. 18	Sept. 24
DEVANHA.....6000	Sept. 4		Oct. 2	Oct. 8

